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SUBJECT: IRAQI-JORDANIAN AGREEMENT FOR USE OF PORT OF AQABA

1. VISITING JORDANIAN MINISTER OF FINANCE AND CUSTOMS SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH IRAQI MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AUGUST 7 TO ESTABLISH A 50,000 SQUARE METER FREE ZONE FOR IRAQI GOODS AT THE PORT OF AQABA. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE STORAGE OF BOTH IRAQI EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, AS WELL AS OFFERING TRANSIT FACILITIES.

2. COMMENT. IRAQI REGIME REMAINS VERY SENSITIVE TO NEED OF DIVERSIFYING ITS CHANNELS FOR FOREIGN TRADE. CONTINUED CLOSURE OF SYRIAN-IRAQI BORDER TO NORMAL COMMERCE HAS APPARENTLY CONVINCED IRAQI PLANNERS OF DESIRABILITY OF AQABA LINK, ESTABLISHED DURING LEBANESE
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CIVIL WAR, EVEN THOUGH PORT OF BASRA IS NOW FUNCTIONING WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT CONGESTION. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT IRAQI REGIME SEES ENHANCEMENT OF TRADE LINKS WITH JORDAN AS ONE WAY TO COUNTER INFLUENCE WHICH THEY BELIEVE DAMASCUS RIVALS EXERCISE IN AMMAN.
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